

REMARKS

Claims 6-13 remain pending in this application. Claim 6 is independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner objected to the Title. The Examiner further rejected claims 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Objection to the Title

In response to the Examiner's objection to the Title, by this Amendment, Applicant has amended the Title to recite "IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT DODGING TREATMENT". Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to address the Examiner's rejection. These amendments are being made to clarify "at least one memory", "an adder", and "image signals" as rejected by the Examiner. These amendments, however, are not narrowing in nature but merely clarify the existing claim elements.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to Fig. 1, which provides an example of the present invention as recited in claim 6. It is respectfully submitted that the input color image signals from MTX 72 are applied both to MTX 74 and DLY 75. The compressed unsharp image signal output from LUT 78 is subtracted at adder 82 from the delayed input color image signals that have been delayed by the at least one memory and are not mere input color image

signals. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as currently amended are definite and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention.

Based upon these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are definite and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Based upon these amendments, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension of time fee is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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